



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **MARCH 11, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montaña led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montaña
Frank Bacio
Barbara Bigby
Rita Hall
John A. Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Excused Absence

Vito Cannella

Staff

Janice Davis, Commission Services Staff
Garen Khachian, Commission Services Staff.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 4, 2009, MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Vice Chair Bacio, and unanimously carried, the minutes of March 4, 2009, were approved with no changes.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montaña reported on four (3) news articles and one (1) event:

- “Stimulus Package Could Fund 10,000 New County Jobs”, Los Angeles Times, March 5, 2009, regarding the stimulus package creating 10,000 new entry-level positions for people collecting welfare.
- “How Computers Call The Shots for Children In Peril”, Los Angeles Times, March 8, 2009, regarding how computers help social workers place children with their families by verifying addresses and tracking individuals who have abused and or neglected children.
- “Report: 1 In 50 Children Homeless”, Daily Breeze, March 10, 2009, regarding one of every 50 American children experiences homelessness. In 2006 California had the third highest number of homeless children per capita.
- Chair Montaña and Commissioner Moore attended the “11th Annual Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters, and Military Appreciation Day” held on March 8, 2009 at the West Angeles Cathedral”.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported that the current balance of the Commission’s Charitable Fund is \$1,035.93.

CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIT REPORT

There was none.

Commissioner Hall joined the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM MARCH 4, 2009, TO MARCH 11, 2009

Careprovider Org Foundation II – 6, #3 – Commissioners Hammargren and Montaña
The facility was visited on March 5, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Rosemary Children’s Services (Green) – Commissioner Bigby
The facility was visited on March 6, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.
Area of Concerns: Carpet in the 4th bedroom needs to be replaced.

Heritage Group Homes #4 – 27, #3 – Commissioner Hammargren
The facility was visited on March 9, 2009, and no one was home.

Mozell Pennington Boys Center (Roa Manor) – 39, #2 – Commissioner Montaña
The facility was visited on March 9, 2009, and no one was home.

David and Margaret Home (Casa Bonita) – 14, #2 – Commissioner Hammargren
The facility was visited on March 10, 2009, and no one was home.

Orange County Children’s Foundation (Emancipation) – 45, #4 – Commissioner Montaña
The facility was visited on March 10, 2009, and home is closed.

Hillsides Home For Children (Hillsides) – 29, #1 – Commissioner Bigby

The facility was visited on March 10, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Fred Jefferson Memorial Home (Compton) – 22, #2 – Commissioners Bacio and Moore

The facility was visited on March 10, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concerns: Disaster drills need to be conducted and documented; need to develop a schematic diagram of the home for evacuations; fire extinguishers need to be recharged; dresser drawer in the 1st bedroom needs to be replaced.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was none.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m. in memory of Mary Ridgway, a Probation Officer who was respected and an expert on Eastside gangs.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Davis
Commission Services Division